

REMARKS

The Office Action dated March 15, 2007 has been fully considered by the Applicant.

Claims 1, 6-10, and 19 are currently amended. Claims 2-5 are as originally filed. Claims 11-18 are canceled. Claim 20 has been withdrawn.

Enclosed is a Petition For Three-Month Extension of Time and a check in the amount of \$1020 to cover the cost of the fee.

Figure 1 has been objected to for having unclear text. Enclosed is a proposed Replacement Sheet having Figure 1 thereon. No new matter has been added.

The drawings have been objected to under 37 CFR 1.82(a). Examiner Wong has requested that all of the steps performed in claims 1 and 6 be shown. Therefore, Applicant herein attaches a proposed New Sheet Figure 6 in the form of a flowchart which sets forth each step. No new matter has been added. A formal drawing will be submitted upon allowance of the application.

Enclosed is a Marked-up and a Clean Version of the Specification to again include the proper headers which were previously entered in the Preliminary Amendment filed July 31, 2001 and to remove any legal phraseology, as requested by the Examiner. The specification also has been amended to include a description of new Figure 6. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1, 6, 7, 10, 11, 17-19 have been objected to because of informalities. The thorough examination of the specification by Examiner Wong is gratefully appreciated. Claims 1, 6, 7, 10 and 19 have been amended to overcome the informalities as set forth in Pages 5 and 6 of the Office Action. Claims 11 and 17 have been currently canceled.

Claims 1-19 have been rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the

invention.

Claims 1 and 6 have been currently amended to change "appropriate point" to --selected points--; to change the word "relevant" to --required--; and to change "the modeling tool" to --a modeling tool--. Claim 1 has further been amended as suggested by Examiner Wong to clarify the step of "generating a process-driven knowledge activation system comprising said one or more symbols or textual representation of said symbols wherein said symbols are associated with said process wherein said processes are linked to said knowledge resources". Applicant gratefully appreciates Examiner Lut's helpful suggestions.

Claim 6, line 6, has been amended by deleting "the"; line 7 has been amended to include the word "process" before "model"; and "named links" has been deleted and replaced with "textual representation of said symbols".

Claim 8 has been amended to clarify that "when an element is selected, an appropriate display is generated for an associated knowledge resource".

Claims 7-10 have been amended to insert the phrase "A method for creating a process driven knowledge activation system having a" before " process model" to clarify that each claim is a method claim.

Claims 13 through 18 have been canceled.

Claim 19 has been amended to clarify that the series of resources are revealed and made accessible to the user upon user selection, as requested by the Examiner.

Claims 7-8 have been rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite in that it fails to point out what is included or excluded by the claim language.

Claims 7 and 8 have been amended by deleting the word "any".

Claims 11-17 have been rejected under 35 USC 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claims 11-17 have been currently canceled.

Claims 1-19 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 7,171,647 to Smith et al. The applied reference has a common inventor and assignee with the instant application.

Applicant believes that this rejection is overcome because both United States Patent No. 7,171,647 to Smith et al. and the present application have a common owner. The present application No. 09/919,193 filed August 1, 2001 and United States Patent No. 7,171,647 were, at the time the invention of Application No. 09/919,193 was made, owned by The Salamander Organization Ltd. Under § 103(c), Patent No. 7,171,647 does not qualify as prior art to the present application.

Therefore, Applicant believes that Patent No. 7,171,647 is disqualified from being used in a rejection under 35 USC 103(a).

Claim 1 has been amended to provide a method for creating a process-driven knowledge activation system relating to the process of a defined organization comprising the steps of: (a) creating a process model comprising one or more elements; (b) associating at selected points within processes in the process model a collection of symbols representing resources that will be required by a user to be effective; (c) auditing and tracing the usage of the symbols across the process model through a mechanism of dependency analysis within a modeling tool; (d) mapping the symbols associated with the process that requires them to electronically-stored knowledge resources; (e) generating a process-driven knowledge activation system comprising the one or more symbols or textual representation of the symbols wherein the symbols are associated with the processes wherein

said processes are linked to said knowledge resources; (f) the system revealing to the user, through a graphical user interface, on clicking on a process to select the same, the associated required knowledge resource symbols or textual representation of the symbols for that process, the appropriate resource then being presented to the user on the click of the symbols or textual representation of the symbols; (g) repeating periodically the above steps in a review cycle in which the process models and resources of the process driven knowledge activation system are revised and re-published; and (h) the knowledge resources are specific to and created by the users and other persons within the organization as the organization delivers the processes.

Applicant's currently amended claim 1 allows the usage of knowledge resources which are representative of and developed as a result of the specific activities of the organization for which the process model is being developed. This feature is not included in the '647 Smith et al patent wherein there is only defined a method for generating a process model in a specific manner which uses business modeling and simulation techniques and not the usage of knowledge resources as in Applicant's currently amended claim 1. In the Smith '647 patent simulation of the operation of the organization may be performed, but there is no disclosure or reference to knowledge resources which are representative of the actual activities of the organization. The advantage of Applicant's current invention is that it provides a method which allows the communication and dissemination of a business intent of the organization which can be modeled and provides access to a managed body of organization resources, ie. the knowledge resources, as set forth on Page 4 of Applicant's specification.

Applicant's current invention therefore allows non-technical users to create models which define the working of an organization and, by providing communication with and access to the

knowledge resources which are specifically linked to the organization for which the model is being created, the user can be confident that the model is accurate for their specific organization. Furthermore, as the knowledge resources are specific to the organization for which the model is being generated and therefore have information which can only be obtained from the organization, the level of detail and applicability to the organization is increased with respect to the models which would, for example, be created using the process defined in the Smith et al '647 reference. The models generated in accordance with the current invention can be used therefore on an ongoing basis to access knowledge which is specific to the organization, and which resources are developed and created in the course of the business work of the organization. Thus, the knowledge resources in Applicant's current invention are used to characterize the models with respect to the specific delivery of the processes by that organization which is being modeled.

This is in contrast to the Smith '647 patent where, while a particular organization may be being modeled, there is no reference or accessibility to knowledge resources which are developed and created by the actual activities of the organization, as in Applicant's currently amended claim 1. Therefore, Applicant sincerely believes that currently amended claim 1 and dependent claims 2-5 and 19 are novel over his '647 patent.

Independent claim 6 is currently amended to provide a method for creating a process-driven knowledge activation system relating to the process of a defined organization comprising the steps of: (a) creating a process model of a system comprising one or more elements being part of a general purpose graphical business model, the model being accessible via a web browser; (b) associating at selected points within the processes in the model a collection of symbols representing resources that will be required by a user to be effective; (c) auditing and tracing the usage of the symbols across

the process model through a mechanism of dependency analysis within a modeling tool; (d) mapping the symbols to electronic knowledge resources stored in a file store; (e) generating a process-driven knowledge activation system comprising the one or more symbols or textual representation of the symbols associated with the processes linked to the knowledge resources; (f) the system revealing to the user, on clicking on a process, the associated knowledge resource symbols, the appropriate resource then being presented to the user on the click of the symbols or links; (g) repeating periodically the above steps in a review cycle in which the process models and resources of the process driven knowledge activation system are revised and re-published; and (h) the knowledge resources are defined and developed with respect to the delivery of the processes by the users and other personnel of the organization and are related specifically to that organization.

Applicant believes that currently amended claim 6, along with dependent claims 7-10, is novel over the Smith et al '647 patent for the same reasons as stated herein with reference to currently amended claim 1 and therefore respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection.

Claims 11-18 have been canceled.

Claims 1-3, 6 have been rejected on the ground of nonstatutory double patenting over claims 1-3 of United States Patent No. 7,171,647. Enclosed herewith is a fully executed Terminal Disclaimer and check in the amount of \$130.

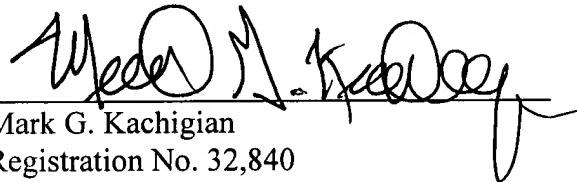
Claims 1-19 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by an online press release article which dates back to July 2000. Applicant believes that the 102(b) rejection is improper since the cited press release does not disclose all of the claimed elements as required. It is improper to merely read the Smith et al Patent No. 7,171,647 into the cited press release. Therefore, Applicant believes that the rejection under 35 USC 102(b) is improper. In addition, the

Smith et al patent has been addressed above by way of terminal disclaimer and by way of common ownership.

It is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. If any further issues remain, a telephone conference with the Examiner is respectfully requested. If any fees are associated with this action, the Examiner is authorized to credit deposit account No. 08-1500.

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Respectfully submitted,

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